

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

As a Licensed Psychologist in Connecticut, I am writing in strong opposition to HB 5521, for the following 3 reasons:

- 1) The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers and it is recognized as such both in Connecticut and nationally;
- 2) Allowing licensure of master's level psychologists would create public confusion regarding provider education and training; and,
- 3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's). This recognizes them as counselors and removes the confusion of using the term psychologist.
- 4) School psychologists are master's level, but they only operate in the school systems and are under the authority of the Department of Education.

For each of these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 5521.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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